

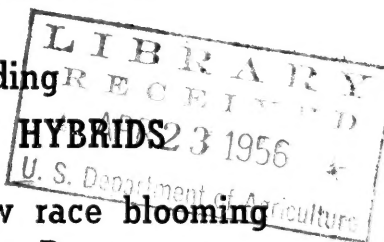
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1956 Auten Peonies

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Including
THE AUTEN HYBRIDS



A magnificent new race blooming
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SOME FINE AUTEN DOUBLES

NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1956

12 OFFICINALIS HYBRIDS in superb shades
of red and orange red

8 ALBIFLORA (common species) varieties

These are magnificent additions to the already
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Select our varieties with complete confidence. We are supremely interested in selling only the very finest kinds. Every order has my individual attention from the time it is received until the roots are shipped. Every root you receive has been fresh dug. We ship only high quality roots, standard 3 to 5 eye divisions, the best size to plant. Every variety listed is outstanding and worth while.

THE AUTEN ORIGINATIONS

The Auten Originations include many of the world's finest. Among them we offer you: —

UNFADING REDS in doubles, singles and Japanese type
SINGLES and JAPANESE unsurpassed

ROSE FRAGRANT doubles

SURE BLOOMING late doubles for the warmer parts of
the Peony belt

STRONG STEMS and vigorous growth

GLORIOUS HYBRIDS, extra early blooming

When you plant an Auten Origination you are to enjoy some of the results of 40 years of careful work in the development of new varieties. Peonies do not come true from seed, and the 270 Auten Peonies were selected from many thousands grown from seed. It takes from nine to fifteen years to make a new variety ready for sale, and for one so chosen, several hundred mature plants, five years or more of age, may have been grown and discarded.

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EIGHT VARIETIES, not Hybrids

Bonfire	Very early dark red bomb, showing some of the color of one of its parents, Radiant Red. Trim bloom, on tall stiff stems	6.00
Campfire	Brilliant red bomb, fragrant. Medium size on a dwarf plant with stiff stems. A seedling of old Edulis Superba, which evidently responded to a fortunate cross pollenization. Outstanding for garden effect	5.00
Chieftan	A very rich dark red bomb, on a good plant. Very early, opening among the very first of those kinds not Hybrids, and especially desirable on that account	10.00
Garden Glory	Outstanding for color, a dark bright red. The color holds. Anemone type, almost a bomb. On tall stiff stems. Late. We doubt that this color will ever be surpassed in a pure Albiflora variety	10.00
Red Comet	Dark red bomb, very early, on tall stiff stems. Fine color from its parent, Radiant Red; as rich as a Hybrid	7.00
Rhapsody	A little pink Jap with the narrow center petals yellow flushed pink. Very odd and distinct and fine. Stiff stems	5.00
Sun Valley	A creamy pink Jap with all yellow center. Stiff slender stems. Best of several similar pink Japs	7.00
Sweet Adeline	A very distinct deep pink single, carried well above the foliage on tall stiff stems. A chance seedling found near Mischief, and an improvement on it	4.00

NEW PEONIES FOR 1956

Below on this page we are offering for the first time twelve fine new Hybrid varieites, and on the opposite page, eight new kinds not hybrids. These are selections from many hundreds of new plants from seed planted about 1938 to 1940. There is no short cut in the development of new varieties, it takes time. We make no apologies for the number of kinds offered this year. There are hundreds of thousands of gardens where these new kinds would be welcomed, were people to see them. Our prices are moderate, considering the years of work and waiting. Quality merits your orders.

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TWELVE HYBRIDS, as follows

Dazzler	Single, with two rows of petals. Very rich black red, filaments pink. Stiff stems, medium to low height	5.00
Eldorado	Brilliant red bomb, with some Japanese type petaloids in the full center. A striking effect. Early	8.00
Favorita	Single with two rows of petals. Bright deep orange red, color very fine. Stiff stems.....	8.00
Fiesta	Orange red single with two rows of petals. The color holds. Bloom medium size, stems tall and stiff. Another outstanding variety	10.00
Fire Bird	Large full double "black" red, with some hidden Japanese type marking. Good stems. Color very fine	10.00
Orange Glory	A very outstanding orange red single with two rows of petals. Carpels white, filaments pink. Color holds. Tall plant, stiff stems, very vigorous	15.00
Raspberry Rose	Typical Japanese type. An odd shade, as the name suggests, and very striking. Fine plant. Early	10.00
Red Beauty	"Black" red Japanese type. Narrow center petals same black red, with well marked yellow edges. Dwarf, with stiff stems	10.00
Renown	A dwarf double. Rich velvety dark red, with Japanese type markings. Color very fine	10.00
Royal Red	A rich dark red single with two rows of petals, the color holds. Trim bloom, nicely cupped, medium size	5.00
Sky Queen	Very dark red single. Carpels green tipped red, filaments red. The color holds. Medium size. Tall stiff stems	5.00
Tango	Another outstanding orange red single, with two rows of petals. The color holds. Trim bloom, tall stiff stems	10.00

SPECIAL OFFERS

Collection No. 7	(until Sept. 10th only) One each of the above 12 new Hybrids, a \$109.00 value, for only	95.00
Collection No. 8	(until Sept. 10th only) One each of the 8 new originations not Hybrids offered on page 2, a \$54.00 value, for only	46.00

OFFICINALIS HYBRIDS, Auten Originations

This new race of hybrid Peonies starts blooming about ten days before the regular Peony season. They are of surpassing beauty, giving us reds more brilliant than we have ever had, and new shades in coral, cherry, salmon, and orange; reds free from any purple cast. They were obtained by crossing the common species, *Alfiflora*, on the *Officinalis* species, which is much earlier. The result is a longer Peony season, a vast improvement in reds, and beautiful variations in form of bloom. Until one has seen them, he can have no comprehension of their beauty. They make an outstanding addition to any garden. We suggest that for first order you select from **Chocolate Soldier**, **John Harvard**, **Rose Marie** and **Veritas**.

Auten's Red	A full double, bomb type, with slight yellow markings. Very rich velvety dark red, large bloom, on a fine plant. One of the finest double Hybrids we have seen	15.00
Avelyn	A most outstanding red bomb, very dark and velvety. Very early for a full double. (most full double Hybrids bloom near the end of the early hybrid season.) Sales of this variety at prices up to \$50.00 have kept my stocks low, but I can now offer it at a new price	20.00
Black Gold	Probably the darkest red of my Hybrids Glossy, with a very few yellow markings. Medium size, very distinct	4.00
Bright Eyes	A very bright red double, with contrasting yellow markings. As snappy as the name implies	2.00
Chief Justice	Very rich deep red, color exceptionally fine. Semi-double, showing some beautiful yellow stamens in center held erect on long red filaments. Good size, with stiff stems. One of the latest Hybrids, blooming with the first of the regular season	6.00
China Boy	A brilliant red single, almost scarlet, on short stiff stems. Trim foliage, making a very distinctive plant	2.50
Chocolate Soldier	Darkest "black red". No other peony like it. Some blooms have yellow markings, some do not. Blooms on the same plant may range from full double with no markings to Japanese type with brilliant yellow markings. When full double the petals have absolutely perfect, precise formation. One of our greatest peonies	4.00
Dandy Dan	A brilliant red bloom with some stamens showing. Beautiful form, on tall stiff stems. Color very fine. Greatly admired by visitors to our fields	5.00
Dusky Dinah	Dark winey red, usually with three rows of petals and lovely yellow center. Substance outstanding. Late, blooming with the first of the regular season kinds	5.00
Early Scout	(R. Carvel x Single <i>Tenuifolia</i>) A very dark red single, blooms very early, before the other Hybrids. Cut foliage, distinct. Better bloom than <i>Smouthii</i>	5.00
Fancy Free	A brilliant orange red; Japanese type of bloom, with yellow markings and occasionally a tuft in the center	4.00
Good News	Distinct shade of deep orange red, single with deep yellow stamens in center. Early. Foliage quite distinct	3.00

OFFICINALIS HYBRIDS, Auten Originations (Cont.)

Janet	A very large bloom, typical bomb type. A definite cerise, outstanding and very attractive to those who like this shade of red	2.00
John Harvard	A magnificent peony that has won high awards in competition. Very dark red single, sometimes almost double. Color is clear and does not fade. A strong grower with tall stiff stems. Most dependable	3.00
Nevada	A very spectacular black red single. The color holds. On a plant of exceptional vigor, with stiff stems, very tall	3.00
Old Main	A large bomb, full petalled. A very brilliant red, with a slight bluish cast that gives it carrying power. Distinct and much admired	4.00
Queen of the Dawn	Very early. Large single which stays cupped for a long time. Very light creamy pink, with harmonizing pale yellow filaments and stamens	6.00
Red Dandy	Very large dark red bomb, like a round ball. No other kind like it. Full petalled, opens easily. Very outstanding, and always greatly admired by visitors	15.00
Red Ensign	Very dark red, trim bloom held above low foliage, some stamens show. Outstanding for quality. Semi-double	2.50
Red Monarch	(Auten-Glasscock) A beautifully proportioned red bomb. Red with slight purplish cast. A strong grower. Tall stiff stems	4.00
Robert W. Auten	A standout even among high class kinds, instantly sought out by visitors. On mature plants practically full double, "a mass of dark red "ruffles". Color deep, rich, unfading red, brilliant and appealing. Fine plant	17.00
Rosedale	A brilliant medium red, petals somewhat incurved, showing some stamens. A striking resemblance to a rose. Blooms held erect above low foliage. Very popular as a cut flower	2.00
Rose Marie	(Auten-Glasscock) A full double, rich clear red, with no trace of purple, unfading. A beautifully formed bloom, the arrangement of center petals unlike any other. Early. Fine plant and habit	3.50
Style Show	(first named Valencia) Dark red single with decided orange cast. Two rows of petals, Good size, with tall stiff stems. Fine	5.00
Topeka	Full double bomb type. Clear brilliant red, a distinctive shade of great refinement. Tall stems. Much admired	5.00
Veritas	Unusual type of bloom, narrow center petals, pointed, with yellow stamens fastened to the edges of some, and other stamens forming a yellow collar. A very brilliant dark red, glistening and enduring like varnished mahogany. Early and a very strong grower	2.00

We hope you will be sure to include some of these Hybrids in your order. If you like red peonies you are missing the greatest thrill possible until you grow some of these wonderful varieties.

RED DOUBLES, Auten Originations

Big Ben	Large medium dark red bomb, fragrant, on tall stiff stems. Very early, as early as Richard Carvel, but surpassing it in every respect. Has proven most desirable in the South, the East, and central U. S. Highly praised by commercial growers who have tested it several years. It should be in every commercial planting	3.00
Cleopatra	A very brilliant red double, some fragrance. It blooms with the very latest kinds, and, most important, it is a reliable bloomer, an advantage enjoyed by very few of the very late kinds. Blooms after Philippe Rivoire and June Brilliant. A standout	2.00
Detroit	A large deep red bomb, fairly early, medium height. Form of bloom and plant suggestive of Felix Crousse, the most widely used commercial red variety, but Detroit is darker and much more refined in color. Should have a great future	3.00
Drummer Boy	A very brilliant dark red bomb on a stiff stemmed dwarf plant, the trim foliage, the beautifully formed blooms carried boldly erect, all combine to make an especially effective display	4.00
Fanchon	Brilliant black red bomb, fiery, unfading and long lasting. Narrow center petals. Just below medium height, very stiff stems. Very unusual, very fine, midseason	5.00
June Brilliant	Late full double dark red, very brilliant. Tall stems. Trim bloom, not fragrant, lasts well when cut. Wins prizes. A rival of Philippe Rivoire, blooming at about the same time	2.00
June Giant	An enormous dark red. Has given me the largest red bloom I ever raised. Late. Won as best red double, 1946 National show, best three blooms red double, 1952 National show	4.00
Louis Joliet	Our most popular red double. One of the most sought after kinds in our fields. Color is dark red, clear and unfading. Produces an enormous number of blooms on stiff stems. Early midseason. Fine for cut flowers. A "must have" variety	1.50
Lucky Star	A very distinct dark red, medium sized bloom held above the foliage on a tall, vigorous plant. Near bomb type, with yellow markings on some center petals. Very late, makes a fine display	1.50
Radiant Red	An entirely new color break in reds attracting immediate attention here. Late midseason. Very trim bomb, on very stiff stems of medium height. Very distinct, and one of the finest reds	2.50
Rosalie	Close to the true American Beauty shade of red. It looks like a rose, is especially beautiful in bud. Not tall, but a very strong grower, gives many blooms. Lasts a long time, fine for cutting. We have customers returning repeatedly to get more roots of Rosalie. Mid season	1.00
Santa Fe	Brilliant dark red double, color does not fade. Midseason, blooming just after Louis Joliet. Strong grower, many blooms on stiff stems. Highest quality	2.00

From Pennsylvania. The 25 varieties of peonies purchased from you in 1952 came along very fine this year, have some wonderful blooms of Virginia Lee before me and all people who have seen it in my garden want it.

From Michigan. I have one of your peonies and am so satisfied I should like to try a few more.

RED DOUBLES, Auten Originations (cont.)

Sinbad	A large, high built bloom, deep mulberry. A novelty, as the edges of the petals are silvery. Late midseason. Tall stiff stems. A striking effect	2.00
Suzanne	A very early bright red bomb, blooming about the same time as Richard Carvel, but a better color. Stiff stem, good height	5.00
Tempest	Generally considered the best dark red peony for color, rich, dark, clear and unfading. Midseason on good stems. Substance extra. When not disbudded, one stem makes a fine bouquet	2.00
Uncle Tom	High built bloom, very dark, on tall stiff stems. Exceptional for color. At its best in cool climate	3.00

WHITE DOUBLES, Auten Originations

This list of white doubles contains some of the world's finest. They are specially notable for refinement and charm. Most of them are delightfully rose fragrant. They cover the whole season of bloom, early to very late.

Belle Chinoise	(Pretty Chinese) An immaculate full double creamy white. Sure to open, near to bomb type. Very fragrant. Medium size and height. Late midseason. A most exquisite peony	1.50
Betsey Ross	Full double pure white, exquisitely formed bloom, petals incurved. Rose fragrant. Late, on tall stiff stems. Very distinct	2.00
Flower Girl	Here is perfection. White, opening blush, a beautifully formed bloom, strong rose fragrance. Low plant, very stiff stems We cannot recommend this too highly, it is irresistible	2.50
Juanita	Blush white full double on stiff stems of medium height. Rose fragrant. Midseason. Beautifully formed, a charming variety	2.00
Kathryn Curran	A large late pure white double of especial refinement and charm. Rose fragrant. A mass of trim foliage starting at the ground level, the blooms carried gracefully above it	4.00
Maid of Honor	We are proud of this Peony and predict much for it. It is very large, full double, built higher in the center. Pure white. Late, on tall very stiff stems. Very distinct	5.00
Mary Auten	One of the highest rated of all peonies. White, opening a definite pale lavender. Rose fragrant. Large full double bloom sure to open even if weather is unfavorably warm Most popular	2.00
Mr. Moon	Full double; white with a definite yellow cast through the bloom, most pronounced in this respect of any kind I know. Late, sure opening on tall stiff stems	2.00
Molly Pitcher	A large white double, opening pale flesh. Rose fragrant. Late midseason, opens well. A show flower, globular and very full petalled. One of my especial favorites. Outstanding for refinement	2.00
Nauvoo	Blush white double, with deeper tints in the center. High built bloom, fragrant, and of show quality, a wonderful peony. Late	2.00

WHITE DOUBLES, Auten Originations (Cont.)

Northland	Very early high built bomb, my earliest white double. Rose fragrant. Tall stiff stems, and a strong grower. Fine for cutting and should prove of great value for commercial flower growers. A standout in the field when in bloom, with most of all other kinds still in green bud	5.00
Old Siwash	One of our truly great doubles. Comparable with Auten's Pride. It has a most wonderful silvery sheen, a delicate blush on opening. Rose fragrant. Large bloom on tall stiff stems. Early midseason. We cannot recommend this too highly	2.00
Plymouth	Full double white, opening flesh, rose fragrant. Very late, on tall stiff stems. Substance extra, and one of the surest of all late doubles to open. A most valuable variety. Has passed most critical test for commercial cut flowers	3.00
Prudence	Very chaste full double white, rose fragrant, refinement personified. On tall stiff stems. A strong grower and fine in every way. Early	1.50
Sanctuary	Here is a Peony with great individuality and fine quality throughout. Petals ivory white and of very heavy texture. Some blooms are immaculate, others heavily splashed with scarlet, adding beauty. Early midseason, good plant and stem. A great favorite	2.50
Siloam	Very large, full double, sure to open, late. Rose fragrant. An exquisite bloom, opening wide. Has been enthusiastically received. I consider it better than Kelway's Glorious, being a much better formed bloom	2.00
Sistie	White, opening a very definite pink, Late, sure to open, substance extra, and the strongest rose fragrance of any Peony I know. High built bloom. Very valuable for cutting near the end of the season. A low price for such a fine variety	1.50
Snow Cap	A very early white double with slight yellow cast, a spotless bloom. Beautiful clean foliage, stem good for cutting, a free bloomer	3.00
Spring Song	A large, flat semi-double showing stamens, white with a few red splashes in center. Beautiful form. On tall stiff stems	2.50
Vincennes	White bomb, opening with center flushed pink, yellow and light green, soon changing to pure white. Rose fragrant, on tall very stiff stems. Very early	2.00
White Beauty	Very large double, with a few hidden stamens. Exquisite pearly white. Tall. A strong grower, free bloomer. Early midseason. Invaluable for cutting	1.25
White Delight	Full double, outstanding for its purity of color and charm. Substance exceptional. Rose fragrant. Early. A most useful variety. Our most popular white	1.50
Yukon	Spotless snow white double, very large, and with a perfect center. Late on tall stiff stems. Petals are so long it needs cool weather to open out properly. A 9½ inch bloom won best bloom in show, 1948 National Peony Show, and in 1951 National Show it won best white double in the show	2.00

PINK DOUBLES, Auten Originations

- Auten's Pride** One of the world's finest peonies. Light pink with lavender shades, deepening toward the center. Large bloom, sure to open, rose fragrant. Late. Stems stiff, just above medium height. A strong grower. None finer in its color. Approved by commercial cut flower growers 2.50
- Cathie Ann** A large full double. Deep rose pink, rose fragrant. Late midseason. Stems tall and very stiff. Has been approved by critical commercial cut flower growers 4.00
- Cloud Castle.** A very late deep pink, rose fragrant. Lasts unusually well when cut. Opens easily. Very tall. Bloom has especial charm 3.00
- Eloise** A gorgeous large pink double, outstanding both for its size and its lovely soft and clear lavender color. Rose fragrant. Loose petalled and sure to open, a beautifully finished bloom. Medium height. Late 2.50
- Galena** Deep rose or light red. Late. A full double on a very fine plant. Stems tall, stiff. An unusual flower that attracts immediate attention 2.00
- Joyce** One of the last to bloom, a rather flat double, medium pink. A beautiful flower, especially valuable because of its sure opening. On tall stiff stems 1.50
- Linda** A large, rather flat pink double. Late, on tall stiff stems. It has exceptional keeping qualities as a cut flower 5.00
- Naomi** A delicate creamy flesh pink double, on tall stiff stems. Bloom rather flat, one of our largest. Early midseason. On tall stiff stems 1.50
- Peggy** A warm, bright silvery pink double of medium size, the petals notched and crinkled. Stems short, very stiff. This is one of the earliest varieties to bloom. It has proved to be especially useful and long keeping as a cut flower, and blooming before the early old *Edulis Superba*, is quite useful for Decoration Day in some places. In color and form it is one of our most charming blooms. It is irresistible and sells on sight 1.50
- Pink Glow** A bright pink double, late. Bloom loose petalled, beautifully finished. Held high above the foliage, which starts at the ground. An outstanding variety 5.00
- Pink Monarch** A bright, deep pink, with a collar of golden yellow. Very distinct and unusual. Large flat bloom, midseason. Very tall, bloom carried well above the foliage. A picturesque variety that attracts considerable attention in our fields. Should be in every peony collection 2.50
- Pink Solange** A large medium pink double, full petalled. Late and a sure opener. Stem tall and stiff. This is a deeper pink than the old *Solange*, and much more dependable. In fact, it is one of the finest of all pink doubles, with high quality in color, form and plant habit 2.00

From Washington. The Japs, "Nippons" and singles I got from you several years ago have been fine.

From Ohio. *Arcturus* is beautiful in bloom, and my visitors enjoy seeing this plant in bloom, and return for a second look.

PINK DOUBLES, Auten Originations (Cont.)

Prairie State	A very large pink, with darker tints toward the center. A sure opener on a tall rugged plant. Midseason. This should be grown by those who like quality in big blooms, but who live where hot weather makes some big ones uncertain	3.00
Virginia Lee	A glorious pink double, large and with exceptional charm and beauty. It is when newly opened, more silver and salmon than pink. It has a lovely glow. Opening wide, the form is especially beautiful. Virginia Lee is very, very late, but unlike many late Peonies, opens freely and completely. We consider this one of our greatest originations	2.50

THE AUTEN SINGLE PEONIES

Single Peonies, with their fine contrast between the petals and the mass of yellow stamens should be more and more appreciated. We have obtained kinds which retain their charm till the end, which do not flop their petals and which are borne on strong plants with good stems. Discordant colored seed pods are not tolerated, they must be green or same color as the petals. Extreme size is not desirable. Choose from the following with confidence.

RED SINGLES, Auten Originations

Arcturus	Clear, rich velvety red, fine form and substance, on a good plant. Does not fade. Has won many awards, and is of the very highest quality	2.50
Kaskaskia	Large dark red, color clear, unfading and very fine. Very early, good stem and plant. Useful for cut flowers at Decoration Day when early doubles are not out	1.50
Kickapoo	Late variety. Another dark red single of highest quality, on tall stiff stems. Does not fade. A consistent winner at shows	1.50
Medicine Hat	Very dark clear red single, color holds, and the yellow stamens are very prominent. Lasts a long time. Trim plant and stiff stems, medium height. Midseason. Fine	1.50
Red Velvet	Late variety. Two rows of petals, which stay nicely cupped even in adverse weather. Velvety dark red, color does not fade. Stiff stems. A most impressive variety which customers buy on sight. Red Velvet and either Arcturus or Kaskaskia give succession of bloom and should be in every fine collection of peonies	2.50
Tonti	A large single in the typical American Beauty shade of red. Plant tall and vigorous. My best in that shade	1.50

WHITE SINGLES, Auten Originations

Elfin White	White, of great purity. Medium sized blooms, making a charming cluster if not disbudded, and valuable for arrangements with other flowers	1.50
Puritan Maid	Distinct, with two rows of crinkled petals, makes a grand show	1.50
Watchman	Late for a single, and valuable for that reason. Trim bloom, nicely cupped. Good plant.	1.00
Wedding Day	Midseason. Two rows of petals, a free bloomer.	1.50
White Perfection	A great favorite, worthy of its name. A prize winner, outstanding for charm	1.50

PINK SINGLES are listed on Page 13

JAPANESE TYPE PEONIES

So called because the Japanese people prefer them to all other types of bloom, and were the first to develop many new kinds. This type is the first advance toward the double type, with narrow center petals, usually edged with yellow. They furnish color contrasts in the same flower obtained in no other type, and are especially valuable for cutting. In the anemone type, the narrow center petals have no contrasting yellow marking, though some, like **Nippon Gold**, have all yellow centers.

The AUTEN ORIGINATIONS, Japanese Type

These are a vast improvement over those from Japan. They have better color, better stems, and are much more vigorous.

RED JAPANESE, Auten Originations

Arapahoe	A rich black red, the color holds. Center is red, heavily edged and tipped light yellow. Midseason. Has shown exceptional keeping qualities as a cut flower. Distinct and outstanding	2.50
Creve Coeur	Very distinct. A mass of color on a large, tall plant. Clear dark red, rose fragrant. As bloom ages a narrow white line appears down the middle of the outside of the narrow center petals. Very popular	1.50
Dragon's Nest	Medium red, typical Jap except that many blooms have a large tuft in the center (the dragon's nest). Very brilliant for garden effect. Fine plant	1.50
Dr. Jekyll	Brilliant dark red, some of the side blooms have more petals than the Japanese type. Tall stiff stems. It is very late, and very valuable for garden effect near the end of the season	1.50
Explorer (No. 1682)	A large dark red Jap with the usual yellow markings in center. The side buds are especially brilliant. On tall, stiff stems	3.00
Nippon Beauty	Rich red, with the typical yellow edges in center of the Japanese type. Color clear and unfading. Good even in hottest weather. Late. Tall stiff stems. Plant very vigorous	1.00
Nippon Brilliant....	The highest rated red peony, irrespective of type. Brilliant red, almost an orange shade, with usual yellow markings. Late, on tall stiff stems. Outstanding in every way	1.50
Nippon Parade	A bright red Jap, center flushed lighter. Midseason. Tall, good stems, very strong grower. One of the best for landscape effect. Very popular, a best seller at our fields	1.50
Sentinel	All red, in the typical American beauty shade, with small yellow dots on narrow red center petaloids. On a perfect plant, tall, stiff stems, and a strong grower	1.50
Sword Dance	Large medium dark red Jap, very showy, the yellow center making a brilliant contrast of color. Tall plant. Very effective for garden display, and one of the finest Japs	2.00
The Baron	An odd shade of red with some yellow in the center. Bold and striking. Medium height, good stem	1.50

PINK JAPANESE, Auten Originations

Alstead	Deep pink and all yellow center, on an extra fine plant. Very strong grower and free bloomer	2.00
Nippon Gold	Purest golden yellow center of narrow crinkled petals. Guards pink. Extra fine for cutting. A very strong grower and a best seller. On mature plants, the small side blooms sometimes appear as dainty pink and yellow double rosettes, just right for a corsage	1.50
Sky Pilot	Deep pink with all yellow center slightly flushed pink. Very large, on tall stiff stems. A sensational variety	4.00
Xenia	Japanese type. Outer petals an exquisite delicate pink, which like all other delicate pink peonies, fades white in the garden. Center light yellow. Outstanding for refinement in both color and petalage, as fine as the single Angelus, which is tops. Tall, with good plant habit	5.00

NOVELTY PINK JAPANESE, Auten Originations

Here is a list of most unusual kinds for those who like the so-called "orchid" shades in flowers.

Do Tell	Outer petals very pale orchid pink, narrow center petals much darker, some of them red. A very striking combination, with the color contrast the strongest of any of this type I have seen	3.00
Fancy Nancy	A soft cerise pink Jap, almost uniform in color, of exceptional purity and refinement	3.00
Gay Paree	Guards deep cerise, center flushing lighter with creamy tints. One of the most distinct and striking of all novelties. Bloom has exceptional charm and distinction, and plant habit is fine	3.00
Monterey	Light salmon, cerise and golden tints in the center. Midseason. Very distinct, very fine and much admired. Worthy of a place in any garden. A strong grower	1.50

TESTIMONIALS

All unsolicited, all received in 1955

From Maryland. It is a pleasure to tell you that the three peonies that I bought last year, **Veritas**, **Moon Mist**, **Nippon Gold** all survived a very dry fall and hard winter, are blooming. I am delighted with them.

From Illinois. The peony plants I bought from you are 100% satisfactory even though their location is far from ideal. I only wish I had room for more.

From Missouri. I bought several of your big red Jap peonies a few years ago. They were really lovely.

From New Hampshire. **Mischief** is a lovely sight today, with 27 blooms all open at once. It has grown to be a tremendous plant 3 feet tall and nine feet in circumference.

From Wisconsin. My peonies really were out of this world this year, especially **Auten's Pride**.

From Illinois. **Santa Fe** has such gorgeous blooms this year, a true garnet red. I tell everyone where they can buy it. **Big Ben** is magnificent and I'd like more than the two I have. Today **Flower Girl** has her first real blooms, and is it ever a thing of beauty!

From Kentucky. (a grower) I am enclosing my check for forwarding the peonies and iris, received yesterday in perfect condition.

From Pennsylvania. The **Fairbanks** and **Veritas** I bought from you attracted lots of comments in my garden. Hope to enjoy many more years of your fine peonies.

From Alberta, Canada. (a grower) We were very pleased with the roots obtained from you last year and have a nice stand of young plants coming on.

From Illinois. Have one plant each of **Santa Fe**, **Siloam** and **Pink Solange**. They are two years old and each had 4 blooms. They were all lovely.

WHITE JAPANESE, Auten Originations

Undoubtedly the finest white Jap that ever came from Japan is the variety Isani-Gidui. It has white guard petals of wonderful form and substance, and a center of yellow petaloids. But the stem is not the best and the plant also lacks vigor. The Auten white Japs, most of them seedlings of Isani Gidui, are the same type of bloom, some are larger. Most of them have deeper yellow centers than Isani Gidui, and all are on vigorous plants with good stems. You need look no further for top quality white Japs.

Christine	Tall, fairly early, large bloom, very vigorous plant, stiffly erect. Highest quality	3.00
Cordova	Very large bloom, white with light yellow center. Fine plant. Outstanding	2.50
Fairbanks	Distinctive in this list because it is the latest to bloom and opens palest pink, fading to white, with the usual yellow center. Very tall, the most vigorous of the list and first class in every way	2.50
Moon of Nippon	(R. W. Auten). Combining the high quality bloom of Isani Gidui and the fine stiff stem of Marie Lemoine, its parents, this white Jap ranks with the very best. Beautiful pure yellow center. Has won many awards	4.00
Nome	Probably the earliest, and with the fine points of the others	3.00
Roberta	Very large, and tall, a refined bloom, plant less formal than the others	2.00
Sitka	Pure white outer petals, center petaloids are broader than in the others and are a very rich yellow. Tall, the bloom carried in stately fashion above low foliage	2.00

PINK SINGLES, Auten Originations

Angelus	Generally considered the best light pink single. Large bloom on a fine plant. Even, soft pink, outstanding for its charm and refinement	2.00
Elfin Pink	A soft, even toned true pink that holds its color to the end. Good stem, fine plant. Really high quality pink singles are rare, but Elfin Pink comes up to the most exacting requirements	1.50
Mischief	Late. The finest late single pink, keeps exceptionally well as a cut flower. Carried gracefully on tall stems. Very vigorous and free blooming	1.25
Moan Mist	Pale pink with darker dots. Very early, on tall stiff stems. An exquisite variety, valuable both for garden effect and for cutting. Opening bud looks like a pink rosebud. Useful for Decoration Day where the doubles are just barely too late	1.50
Town Crier	A very large bloom shading from light red to almost white. Fine plant. A valuable novelty, striking	3.00

From Missouri. My neighbor has your *Arcturus* and I think it is the most beautiful I've ever seen.

FREE PEONY

If your order totals \$10.00 or more we will include free of charge one choice Peony of our selection, or if it totals \$20.00 or more we will include two choice

Peonies of our selection. Collection offers not to be included in figuring totals for free Peony.

COLLECTION OFFERS (until October 10th only)

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| <p>Collection No 1 5 peonies, labelled, all different, 3 to 5 eye divisions. My selection, Postpaid in the U. S.</p> <p>Collection No. 2 10 peonies, not labelled, small one eye to standard 3 to 5 eye, my selection. Postpaid in the U. S.</p> <p>These two collections are made up from the fine kinds we sell, fresh dug divisions left over. They do not include inferior kinds. This is an opportunity to get fine peonies at lowest possible cost.</p> <p>Collection No. 3 Select 5 peonies, all different, listing at \$1.50 each, \$7.50 value, sent postpaid in U. S. for</p> <p>Collection No. 4 Select 5 peonies, all different, listing at \$2.00 each, a \$10.00 value, sent postpaid in U. S. for</p> <p>Collection No. 5 Select peonies, one of a kind, listed at not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$5.00 each, to a total value of \$20.00, sent postpaid in U. S. for</p> | <p>3.50</p> <p>4.00</p> <p>6.00</p> <p>8.00</p> <p>16.00</p> |
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TERMS

TERMS—Cash with order. Prices include delivery in the U. S. on orders of \$3.00 or more. Under \$3.00 add 35 cents for postage and packing.

On Canadian orders, add 20 cents for each root. Parcels post simpler than express. Send import permit and remit in U. S. exchange.

Minimum Order—\$2.00 plus 35 cents postage and packing. Canada \$5.00.

No C.O.D. orders.

Size of Roots. We send quality roots, the standard 3 to 5 eye division which is the best size to plant.

FULL PLANTING AND CULTURAL DIRECTIONS are sent with each order.

FALL SHIPMENT ONLY, beginning September 1st.

PLEASE SEND YOUR ORDER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. We are at the mercy of the weather after November 1st. Early planting though not imprative is nevertheless advantageous.

WE DO NOT RECOMMEND SPRING PLANTING. Fall is the natural time to plant. Gain in spring planting over planting the following fall is doubtful, and not worth the extra care and risk involved.

GROWING PEONIES

Peonies are not only the finest of all hardy perennial plants, they are also just about the easiest to grow. Planted in good soil, well drained, with full sun if possible, they last many years, and require a minimum of care.

Since a Peony is so long lived, it pays to get only the finest kinds. The added satisfaction and enjoyment every year in having the very best makes first cost not an expense, but an investment.

The varieties we offer are outstanding for quality. The roots we send out are fresh dug, properly cut, vigorous.

PLANTING DIRECTIONS

IMPORTANT—Open your package of roots immediately when they arrive. Plant as soon as possible but if you have to wait a few days, either keep moist in open box in cool cellar, or better yet, bury in garden.

Plant Peonies in good, well drained soil, in full sun if possible, and away from trees, buildings, etc. Do not plant where a peony has been before, unless all old soil is taken out and replaced with fresh. Plant 3 to 4 feet apart; set so that the eyes point upward and are 2 to 3 inches below the top of ground (very important). Give each root 2 quarts of water when planted, and then make a 6 inch mound of dirt above ground level to prevent heaving, scrape mound away late next spring.

Give each peony from ten to fifteen square feet of space. Do not crowd smaller perennials among them unless extra room is given.

TESTIMONIALS

All unsolicited, all received in 1955

From Pennsylvania. Within the past five or ten years, I have bought about 20 peony roots from you. They have all grown and bloomed beautifully. In fact, no one in this locality has such beautiful peonies.

From New Jersey. The **Radiant Red** looked extra good this year. It is quite a peony.

From Illinois. The peonies were so lovely, especially the "**Nippon Beauty**".

From Minnesota. We exhibited a nice bloom of **John Harvard** at our peony show this year, and as a result have a number of inquiries regarding it. Some of our members are purchasing it direct, but I have promised several to order them a root from you.

From Pennsylvania. **Moon Mist**, a wonderful plant, and good over a long season, it is a must for this hedge purpose. **Fairbanks** has what I want in foliage, **Peggy**, the most wonderful little plant that I ever saw, is sure a beauty.

From Oregon. Herewith I am enclosing an order for peony roots. I already have about 19 of your originations in my garden, including **Chocolate Soldier**. They are all very fine and give me good bloom in this northwest climate.

From Washington. **John Harvard** is "hitting the front page" today, blooms 8½ inches across and the plant full of them. The new oil pipe line from Canada is being laid alongside my place, and the Californians from top boss to clean up boys have nothing to say about Calif., and much to say about the few peonies now open, and **John Harvard** top attraction.

From Illinois. The peony roots we received were wonderful with 2 and 3 nice eyes and more. They were lovely roots. **Explorer** was fine.

From New York. (a grower) Thank you for the excellent roots you sent us.

From New Hampshire. I have just received the shipment of peonies from you and was so impressed I am ordering more. Yours are the cleanest, healthiest and best packed peony roots we have ever received.

From Illinois. (a grower) Frankly, I like **John Harvard**. It has done well for us. **Rose Marie** has been O.K.

From Saskatchewan. Peonies received O. K. and have planted same. Please put me on your mailing list for next fall as I like the descriptions of some other peonies you list.

From New York. The package of Peony plants has come and you have sent wonderful roots, thank you very much and thank you too, for the extras.

If you live as far south as St. Louis, we suggest that you choose mostly from early doubles, also from all singles and Japanese type.

STANDARD LIST

Varieties from Other Originators

These are all very fine kinds. You may order any of them and be sure of something good.

DOUBLE PEONIES

Baroness Schroeder	Late flesh white, fragrant.....	\$ 1.00
Dr. Brethour	Very large late white, very fine.....	3.00
Karl Rosenfield	Large red, midseason, fine plant	1.00
Lillian Gumm	Large deep pink, late midseason.....	1.50
Longfellow	Very brilliant red, tall, midseason.....	1.25
Mons. Jules Elie	Large deep pink, early.....	1.00
Mons Martin Cahuzac	Darkest red, early, semi-double	2.50
Nimbus	Flesh white. Late, tall, fragrant, extra fine	1.50
Philippe Rivoire	Dark red, fragrant, late, extra fine	1.50
Richard Carvel	Early dark red, fragrant, tall	1.25
Souvenir de l'Exposition Universelle	midseason pink	1.00
Therese	High rated large pink double	1.50
Walter Faxon	Late dark pink, one of finest pinks....	1.50

JAPANESE TYPE

Isani Gidui	White and yellow, a leader.....	2.50
Toro-no-maki	Blush white, extra fine.....	2.00

EXTRA EARLY SPECIES and HYBRIDS

These cover a period about 16 days before the common species start. See also the Auten Hybrids on pages 3, 4 and 5.

Anomola (Smouthii)	Purple red single. Foliage cut leaved. Makes a large plant, the earliest in this list	1.25
Birthday (Saunders)	A coral pink single.....	2.50
Bright Knight (Glasscock)	An outstanding Hybrid, a dark red single with orange cast	10.00
Crusader (Glasscock)	A very distinctive shade of red, a semi-double. Stands out among fine kinds	7.00
Golden Glow (Glasscock)	Large orange red single lighter than Bright Knight. One of the most wanted peonies	10.00
Officinalis Red Jap	Very early, color fine.....	1.25

Collection No. 6 (until Oct. 10th only) One each of the three magnificent hybrids listed above, Golden Glow, Bright Knight and Crusader, a \$27.00 value, for 23.00

From Illinois. (a grower) Those of your varieties that have matured enough to judge had some beautiful blooms this year. Can hardly wait for your Hybrids to bloom.

From Wisconsin. Am delighted with three lovely blooms on Moon of Nippon.

From Illinois. I have 25 of your peonies and they are all very lovely. From Oregon. Well pleased with the peonies ordered from you. Think Cleopatra is a beautiful color.

From Illinois. A coup'e of years ago we got around 20 varieties from your company, and every one started and bloomed the first year. They are now very beautiful and doing fine.

From Washington. (a grower) I certainly like Auten Peonies. We grow quite a few.

From Massachusetts. I don't think you say enough in praise of Radiant Red. Of about 30 varieties of double red lactifolias (not hybrids) I have, there is not another that has such a clear bright and shining red so free from purple tints. (except in the Hybrids). Do you have any other lactifolia (common species) kinds that are as clear as Radiant Red? If you do have, I want them.

From Illinois. Your peonies were certainly beautiful beyond words. I can hardly wait to get our order.

From Ohio. Your peonies are fine. They were beautiful this year.

From Illinois. (a grower) Received plants O. K. Thanks a lot.